

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“___”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“—”) being deleted:

1. – 13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) A printing system comprising:

a first peripheral device comprising:

a processor for receiving a data stream through a network;

an encryption module for converting said data stream from plain text to cipher text;

memory for storing the cipher text until access to said cipher text by a user is authorized;

a printing mechanism for printing a hardcopy document corresponding to the cipher text; and

a sender module for transmitting said cipher text through said network to a preselected recipient as an attachment to an email message.

15. (Original) The system of Claim 14, wherein said data stream comprises text and graphics.

16. – 17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 14, wherein said encryption module comprises the pretty good privacy (PGP) encrypting technique.
19. (Original) The system of Claim 14, wherein said sender module converts said cipher text into a PDF or TIFF file and transmits said PDF or TIFF file to said preselected recipient.
20. (Canceled)
21. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 14, further comprising:
a manual input device operative to receive an input from a user such that, if a user provides an input to the manual input device indicating that the user is an authorized user, the cipher text stored in the memory can be accessed.